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TO AGENTS  
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be furnished at the lowest cash rate, and no exception will be made in future to this rule.

European Affairs.  
We have papers by this mail to the 8th of November, and a very interesting budget of news they contain. One of the most important political items that we notice is the wonderful strides that the Reform question is making. Mr Bright seems omnipotent. To-day we hear of him at Glasgow, holding forth to eager listeners on the all-important political topic of the day, and to-morrow he is at Dublin educating the people as to their rights and privileges, and depicting in terms of burning eloquence a New Britain, the Government of which shall depend for its existence upon the will of the workingman as expressed through the ballot box. In his speech at the Irish capital, Mr Bright, alluding to the exodus to America, said: "You will remember that the ancient Hebrew, in his captivity, had his windows open towards Jerusalem when he prayed. You know that the follower of Mohammed, when he prays, turns his face towards Mecca; and the Irish peasant, when he asks for food, and freedom, and blessing, follows with his eye the setting sun." Mr Bright is a great Reformer—he is almost a Revolutionist. He is gathering a strong party about him. But will he always be able to control that party? or will it not, like the Republican party in America, that sprang from Mr Seward's brain, surpass even its creator in radicalism, and aim at the accomplishment of ends the mere contemplation of which would appall Mr Bright? Mr Maurice has been elected Professor of "Casuistry, Moral Philosophy, and Moral Theology" of Cambridge University, a choice that has given very general satisfaction. Mr Tennyson has thrown the negro philanthropists into a fit of the horrors by sending a contribution to the Eyre Defence Fund. The trial of Mr Eyre, we learn by telegraph, is progressing in London—a cruel, vindictive and contemptible persecution of a faithful public officer who, had he acted otherwise, would have lost Jamaica, and would have suffered martyrdom for his want of pluck. Sir M. Peto, M.P., has called together all the committees which assisted at his election, and explained away his "fishy" conduct in connection with certain collapsed railway schemes. It is remarked that a vote of thanks was tendered the honorable gentleman, a person present attributing the irregularities to the laws! Sir Hugh Cairns is to have a peerage with the Lord Justice, and is promised the next reversion of the Great Seal which it may be in the power of the Conservatives to give. His successor as Solicitor General is Mr Rolt. Captain White, the Liberal candidate at Tipperary, has been elected by a majority of 687 votes over the Conservative candidate, Mr Waldron. From the continent we learn that Venice has voted herself Italian by 641,758 to 69, which, considering that Venice was Italian by the will of Heaven, whether she voted it or not, is highly satisfactory. It is not often that a fact is recognized to be a fact by 9,999 out of every 10,000 men. The Emperor of the French has ordered a commission to report on the reorganization of the French army. The reason assigned is the "grave events which have just been accomplished in Germany," and the object, to "place the Army in a situation to assure the defence of the territory and the maintenance of French political influence." The inference is irresistible that Napoleon intends war. Somebody said to be a poor tailor—has been shooting at the Kaiser. There is no proof that the pistol was loaded, and the whole story looks very much as if the Viennese police, who are very clever, had got up a little drama to excite enthusiasm. Great discontent exists in Austria. At Prague the Kaiser was received in dead and ominous silence—silence so deep that the clink of the scabbards could be heard as he drove through the multitudes. A storm is brewing for Francis Joseph. La Presse has a story, which Reuter has telegraphed, of an alliance formed between St. Petersburg and Berlin. Prussia is to have the old Duchy, and Russia Galicia, and leave to do as she likes in European Turkey. Considering that Prussia is worried with the Poles of Posen, that the Principalities are governed by a Hohenzollern, that Germany and Russia must ultimately come to loggerheads in the Baltic, and that Count Bismarck is away from the King, we believe the whole of that story an invention, based upon some agreement between Russia and Prussia to keep Poland

quiet. Such stories are extremely convenient just now, when the Emperor Napoleon wishes to convince his subjects that it is indispensable for him to increase the conscription. The Queen is making extensive improvements at Windsor Castle and is going, according to the newspaper report, to improve away the view of the two-mile long avenue commonly known as "The Long Walk." The grand staircase, it is asserted, will interfere with the view. A grand staircase is all very well, but a grand avenue to the grand staircase is far better, and cannot be quite so easily produced. And, as the castle completes the avenue, so the avenue completes the castle. The Bank return is favourable—the supply of bullion held by the establishment being £16,377,358 and the reserve £7,659,698—the Directors having made no change in their rates of discount. The minimum quotation remains therefore at 4½ per cent. In the open market the best bills are taken at 3½ per cent., but the most current minimum is 4 per cent. At Paris the supply of bullion held by the Bank continues to diminish, the stock being £26,314,000; and there is decidedly more firmness in the Money Market, the open market quotations being somewhat in excess of those current at the Bank. Yesterday, Consols fell off at 89½, 4 for money, and 89½, 4 for account. The Bank of Holland has reduced its rate to 5 per cent.

At a Ball near Clear Lake, in California, a drunken ruffian, named Alexander, forced his way into the room without presenting a ticket to the door-keeper. He drew a revolver, and waved it over his head, declaring that if there was any shooting or fighting, he wanted to be counted in—upon which he fired into the crowd standing between himself and a front window, the ball passing through the breast of D. M. Hanson's coat, through the ribs of another man named Herndon, and a pane of the window, making the broken glass fly in the face of Joshua Knaugh and Daniel A. Hanson, of Marysville, who were standing outside of the house. Alexander then immediately left the room, turning as he departed and firing at or into the room door a second shot, when he hastened to the stable for his horse, but being closely pursued by Joseph Adams, who, by some means, had possessed himself of a double-barrelled shot-gun, charged with quail shot, he was overtaken, and the contents of both barrels discharged into his most vital parts. Alexander fell and expired in one minute, with his revolver in hand as if ready for battle. Adams, the following day, went to a Justice of the Peace and gave himself up for an examining trial; and, being defended by D. M. Hanson, was discharged without hesitation by his Honor, the Court. It is said that the killing of the desperado Alexander gave fresh impetus to the Terpsichoreans, who filled the upper and nether rooms to the number of 60 or 80 couples, and that they continued their dance until a late hour without further molestation.

WESLEYAN ANNUAL TEA MEETING.—This interesting event drew together a concourse of several hundred persons in the basement of the Methodist Church last evening. The tables were profusely and tastefully covered with edibles of every variety, while tea and coffee were supplied with unsparring hands. After an agreeable and social chat while partaking of creature comforts, the company proceeded up stairs, where addresses were delivered by the Revs. Browning, Withrop, and Whitworth, and Messrs Fell, Jessup, Babbitt and McKay, which were well received, the proceedings being opened and closed with prayer. The choir, under Mr. Spencer, sang the following sacred music in excellent style, Mrs Hutchinson, the organist, producing a marked effect in her solos:—Jerusalem, my glorious home; Awake, awake! The Anchor of Hope; Soon shall the Trumpet sound; Zion, behold thy Savior King; In Jewry is God known; Sacred peace, celestial treasure; Salvation; How holy is this place. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the ladies for their liberal donations and services, and also to the choir. The whole affair passed off most successfully.

THE FLIGHT OF METEORS.—A cable dispatch, dated Nov. 14, from the Greenwich Observatory, states that the expected meteoric showers were observed on the night of the 13th. At 9 o'clock, a few meteors fell; at 11 o'clock, they had increased in number and size, and between 1 and 2 o'clock the next morning the maximum was reached. The night was clear and the stars were out in great number. The whole heavens were brilliantly illuminated. The showers of meteors were of great beauty and brilliancy, and were first observed in the constellation Leo, near the star Gamma Leonis. Their direction was mostly from the east to the west. The paths of the meteors were from three to four degrees in the north. Near Ursæ Major 20 or 30 were observed at one time, and crossing the zenith 50 or 60 more of unusual size and duration, the majority being larger than stars of the first magnitude. At 8 a. m., they commenced to diminish gradually, until they all, meteors and stars, faded away in the morning light. Five thousand were counted in one hour (nearly 12,000 in all) with the naked eye.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—J. H. Turner & Co., at London House, received per Active a beautiful assortment of holiday goods, suitable for Christmas and New Year's Gifts, which are now open and on sale. An elegant assortment of new dry and millinery goods also came to hand per Express. As this is the season for presents, London House should be visited by parties purchasing.

A FRIEND advises his friends to dig up their carrots if they wish to preserve them from rot. The wet weather, he says, has destroyed his crop of this vegetable.

The Enterprise did not reach New Westminster until 4½ o'clock yesterday afternoon.

FROM MAURITIUS.—The brig Ann, Capt. Stephens, arrived yesterday in Esquimaux Harbor, 105 days from Mauritius, with 100 miles of submarine cable, portion of the cargo of the ship Egmont, which put into Mauritius in distress, and had to discharge and go into dock. The Egmont, with about 400 miles of cable, would follow after repairing, which would probably take three weeks. Capt. Stephens (who wishes to impress upon us that he is no relation whatever to the head centre of that name who threatened to cut the Atlantic cable), reports heavy westerly gales in southern latitudes, and very heavy weather from the westward and northward in the northern latitudes. The Ann was within five miles of port on Saturday, and was blown off, and sought refuge at Port Angeles.

MR GEORGE C. PETERSEN, one of the oldest merchants of San Francisco, retired to bed on the 10th instant, at his room in the Lick House, and in turning off the gas caused the faucet to make a turn too much, and turned it on again, and as his room was almost hermetically sealed, the gas soon filled it, and the old gentleman, under its influence, fell into a sleep from which he never awoke.

THE ESQUIMAUX DRY DOCK hangs fire in London, owing to the disinclination of people having money to invest in enterprises of the kind. We have been shown, however, a letter from Edwin Clarke, the celebrated English Engineer, to Hon. E. Stamp, in which the writer says that the plans are ready, and expresses a hope that the stock will soon be taken.

CHIEF ORGANIZER STEPHENS.—Dublin correspondence of the New York World says a reward of £1000 had been offered by Government for the arrest of James Stephens. According to another despatch the reward was increased on the 28th November to £5000 for his body, dead or alive. The Organizer's head won't be worth a red herring if he again comes within the grip of the law.

FIREMEN'S BENEFIT.—The next performance of the Amateur Dramatic Club, will be in aid of the funds of the Victoria Fire Department, now so much in need of public support, and will take place on the 9th Jan. The pieces performed will probably be the comedy of "Time Trials All," followed by "Retained for the Defence."

CONFEDERATION.—A London despatch, dated the 10th inst., says: "Many delegates from the British American provinces, having in view the final settlement of a Confederation scheme, have arrived. They have organized and appointed Mr McDonald presiding officer."

COWICHAN LAND CLAIMS.—While up the East Coast, the Governor visited the Cowichan settlements and arranged for an early survey of the lands and marking off of the Indian reserves. This course, it is hoped, will put an end to a fruitless theme of complaint in Cowichan district.

NEW FIRM.—Messrs Cimmino & Bona, are the successors of V. Squarza, and continue to manufacture and sell the numerous punches and cordials that have the name of Squarza as familiar as household words. They intend to keep the reputation of the house as it always has been, first class.

VICTORIA HARBOR is not the only sheet of water in which the Leviathan cannot float, the wonderful craft having come to grief on the mud-flats of Cowichan, four days ago. At last accounts she lay at rest on a bed of soft, yielding mud.

THE ACTIVE arrived at 7 o'clock yesterday morning from San Francisco. She brought 40 passengers, among whom were Mr. B. S. Levy, an old pioneer resident. The Active will sail for San Francisco at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

LECTURE.—We beg to remind our readers that Mr Waddington's lecture on "Animal Magnetism" will come off this evening before the Mechanics' Institute. A rare treat is expected.

SIR HUGH CAIRNS is the new Lord Justice of appeal in Chancery, in the place of Sir James Knight Bruce deceased. Mr Rolt, Q.C., is the new Solicitor General.

APPOINTMENTS.—We learn that Attorney General Wood has been appointed Solicitor General of the Colony, with a seat in the Council, and that Mr Pearce has received the appointment of Assistant Surveyor General.

A LETTER from the American Consul, received by his family, announces his safe arrival at San Francisco and his complete restoration to health.

NOT ARRIVED.—The schooner Mink, which left this port for Honolulu on the 18th Oct., had not reached her destination on the 26th November.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.—The bark Delaware, Shillaber, 24 days from Nanaimo, arrived at San Francisco, Dec. 4th.

THE BRITISH VOLUNTEERS had a grand reception in Belgium and carried off some of the first prizes.

THE Legislative Council, it is rumored, will meet on the 10th January.

paratory to leaving. General Sherman arrived at Brownsville on the 6th, and placed General Sedgwick under arrest, and also ordered the release of Oregon. Escobedo ordered Cortina to report at Chihuahua under arrest for depredations committed.

ROME, Dec. 11.—The man who gave the information which led to the arrest of John R. Surratt is a French Canadian, named St. Marie. He was formerly a soldier in the Union army, and knew Surratt in Washington. He was serving in the Papal Zouaves. When in Washington, he and Surratt were paying their addresses to the same female, St. Marie, when he discovered Surratt, was prompted by jealousy to inform upon him. He states that Surratt told him that President Lincoln's assassination was pre-arranged and that Surratt was the person who carried direct from the Davis rebel Cabinet at Richmond, the principal details of the desperate plot to Washington. And moreover, that the assassination plot was not only in accordance with the wish and desire of the Davis Cabinet, but was carried into execution by their direction.

EUROPEAN NEWS SUMMARY.

(PER CABLE AND MAIL.)

Great Britain.

Great floods are devastating the counties of York and Lancaster. Many lives had been lost by drowning. The Reform demonstration in Edinburgh was a large and imposing one. The Government was alive to the fact that large numbers of Fenians had been arriving in Ireland weekly, and were well prepared to meet any rebellion movement. At the National Reform Conference, held in Manchester, it was resolved to use all possible efforts to counteract the tactics of the Tories, and to prepare the outlines of a Reform Bill.

Sir J. L. Knight Bruce, late Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal died in London on the 7th of Nov.

The British Parliament has been further prorogued to Nov. 20.

Mr Snyder, the inventor of the breach loading rifle bearing his name, died suddenly in England on the 25th Oct.

In the absence of any political excitement the subject of ritualism in the Church of England was being freely discussed.

The cattle plague returns had dwindled down to only six cases in one week.

The great reform meeting is appointed to take place in London on the 3rd December next.

Admiral Mundy, R.N., will succeed Sir James Hope as Commander-in-Chief of the North American station.

The short time movement among the Lancashire cotton manufacturers was making progress and indicated a large increase in production.

Sir Hugh Cairns had been honored with a banquet at Belfast, on the occasion of his retirement from the representation of that city.

Great Britain has withdrawn her legation from Saxony, thereby recognising the incorporation of Saxony with the Kingdom of Prussia.

There were vague rumors afloat in London that the Emperor Maximilian had been offered the crown of Poland under certain eventualities.

The short hour move is extending among the workmen of England. In Stoke-upon-Trent all the earthenware manufacturers are closed, and there is a universal strike.

The steamer Medway which had been employed in the Atlantic Telegraph Expedition, arrived at Queenstown on the morning of the 20th of October from Nova Scotia. She lost her propeller on the 14th Oct.

It was reported in London on the 6th Dec. that Maximilian had telegraphed by cable that he would soon land at Gibraltar.

The engagements of the firm of Dent & Co., are roughly estimated at £3,000,000 sterling. The partners are wealthy, and it is believed the creditors will receive the whole of their claims.

It is announced that ex-Governor Eyre, of Jamaica would be arraigned at the Central Court of London in a few days for the Jamaica murders.

Dublin, Dec. 6.—The Pigeon House Fort, commanding the entrance to the harbour, is being strongly garrisoned and supplied with Armstrong guns.

London, Dec. 7.—It is denied by the official journal at Rome that the Pope informed United States Minister King that Canada had better be annexed to the United States than fall into the power of the Fenians.

The weekly sailings of the Cunard extra steamers had been suspended, but there would still be departures of these vessels for New York from Liverpool on every alternate Saturday, commencing on the 27th of October.

The Post announces the very sudden death, arising from the rupture of a blood vessel, of Colonel S'odara, the celebrated conjuror, whose performances for the last two years have been so highly patronized and admired at the Egyptian Hall and in fashionable circles.

The London Times of Nov. 12, says: Considering the difficult position of the President of the United States, and his efforts to prevent the invasion of British territory in North America, it would seem with satisfaction that the Fenians who had been convicted of treason and sentenced to death. But still it would concede no immunity in case of another invasion. The London Times in an editorial says: The Government has no present intention to refer the Alabama claims to the consideration of a Royal Commission. The design is, the London Times continues, "to empower such a Commission to institute inquiries in regard to the neutrality laws with a view to the Alabama claims, which are still under consideration." Lord Cranworth, it was thought, would be chosen President of this Commission. The London Daily Telegraph also denies the report that a Commission is about to be formed to settle the Alabama claims, and The London Morning Herald, a Government organ, urges the arbitration of all questions between England and the United States.

Both government and people appear to be still inclined to amiable adjustment, and the Alabama and other American claims against them when such action is demanded by the United States Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—In the Commission to adjust the Alabama claims, the claims of England against the United States for losses of British subjects by depredations, etc. during the war, will be brought forward.

A strict guard has been placed over the steamer Bolivar, which was seized in the Medway on suspicion of being a Fenian cruiser. No access to shore is allowed. Those on board (the captain and mate of the vessel), who did not join the crew, say the vessel was for the Government of Colombia.

The Colombian Minister has demanded her restoration and she will probably be given up.

Italy and Rome.

The King of Italy entered Venice on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The Patriarch of Venice received him at the Church of St. Mark, where at Te Deum was sung. His reception in the city was magnificent. There was great joy, and the crowd was so immense that the troops were unable to defile before the King. The National Guard is mobilized.

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A dispatch from Paris, dated Nov. 11, says that an insurrection has broken out at Barcelona against the Farvaz Government, but a later dispatch denies the truth of the statement. However, a plot had been discovered in the city of Saragossa, in consequence of which several arrests have been made.

The abolitionist element from Cuba and other trans-Atlantic colonies of Spain, now represented largely in Madrid, is very powerful in forwarding a revolutionary crisis.

Cape of Good Hope.

The mails from the Cape of Good Hope to September 19 are received. The Basutos were said to be starving, and a renewal of the war was feared.

India.

The famine in Bombay was still abating.

Prussia.

It is said that all the Prussian army in Saxony has been ordered demobilized.

A royal decree reduces the Prussian force in Saxony to a peace footing.

The King of Saxony and his family entered Dresden yesterday, Nov. 4th, and were well received by the people.

The German Parliament, it is expected, will be ready to meet at the beginning of the year.

The Government has issued a decree ordering that the Fortresses of Saare Louis, Metz and Coblenz be disarmed and the artillery force reduced to a peace footing.

The Admiralty of Prussia is engaged in the creation of a strong fleet, and naval recruiting has been ordered to commence immediately in the Prussian Duchies.

Prussia sees, in the appointment of Baron Buerst, as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria, an attempt on the part of the Cabinet of Vienna to interfere in questions considered settled.

If this view be correct, it will impel the Prussian Government to complete more quickly and surely its national work in Germany.

The King of Saxony opened the session of the Chambers Nov. 4th. In his speech from the throne he pledged himself to fulfil all his obligations with Prussia.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—A rumor is current that Bismarck has resigned his position as Prime Minister, and that his resignation has been accepted by the King.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A Hanover telegram reports the commencement of repressive measures against the people by Prussian authorities.

DRESDEN, Dec. 11.—The Saxon officers have refused to serve under the Prussian flag, and consequently have resigned.

Austria.

The Vienna Journal of Friday says that Custom negotiations have commenced between Austria and Prussia. The proposals are calculated to pacify Europe.

It is reported that the Emperor of Austria has resolved to appoint a Hungarian Minister.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—It is positively declared that Austria will concentrate troops in Galicia.

Russia.

The Czarewitch and the Princess Dagmar were married Nov. 9th with great festivity and rejoicing throughout the city.

The Czar on this occasion commuted the sentence of a large number of prisoners and remitted arrears of taxes.

The government of Russia has resolved to suppress the naval stations at Kerch, in the Crimea, and Taganrog, on the Sea of Azof.

The statement that the Russian army was to be increased by a levy is unfounded.

The Russian festivities were on Nov. 18th suddenly stopped on account of the serious illness of the Princess Dagmar.

The Presse says the alliance between Prussia and Russia is a fixed fact.

The war is renewed in Balkhara, and the Russian forces have besieged and taken the city of Urubce.

In spite of the many denials, rumors of a Russo-Russian alliance continue to prevail. It is even said that the treaty provides for the admission of the United States in the alliance, with a sovereign establishment in the Mediterranean Sea, and guarantees that nation highly favorable commercial advantages.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—An Imperial ukase declares all relations with the Pope of Rome abrogated, and annuls all special laws heretofore made in accordance with such relations.

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**CONSIGNEES.**  
Per steam ACTIVE, from San Francisco—McQuade, Frank & Stetson, order, McCrea, Muller, Calder & Keyser, Load-vright, Baker, Cunningham Bros., Love Bros., Hendrick, Loebe, Hildebrand & Co., Cassinayou, Fernandez, Drummond, Bank B. G., Corbaliere, Cowper, Thayer, Nolemyer, Kwong Lee & Co., Tai Seng & Co., Grealy & Piere, Gold-stone & Co., Langley & Co., Mrs. Pickles, J. R. Stewart, unknown, Wells, Fargo & Co., Bess, Lovett, Janson, Green & Rhodes, Jesse McKeon, Hosenowitz, Bellingham Bay Coal Co., Moore & Co., Maynard, Capt. Thain, Gilmore, Fellows & Rogee, Marvin, Turner & Co., Hy Smith.

**IMPORTS.**  
Per steam ACTIVE, from San Francisco—180 pgs coal oil, 2 do whisky, 50 do salt, 5 do brooms, 30 do tobacco, 6 do bacon, 25 do sal soda, 175 do tea, 50 do candles, 20 do onions, 1 do paper, 2 do nails, 7 do fruit, 425 do flour, 35 do loots, 11 do rope and blocks, 20 do hosiery, etc, 6 do cheese and butter, 5 do paper books, etc, 5 do cordage, spikes, etc, 40 do salt, 19 do nuts, candy, etc, 6 do hard-ware, 2 do crucibles, 32 do clothing, dry goods, etc, 59 do hard, 10 do butter, 2 do butter and eggs, 2 do brooms, to-bacco, etc, 4 do bags, 5 do wine, 7 pgs drugs, 2 do skirts, etc, 1 do brushes, 1 do private effects, 59 do millinery, etc, 4 do Britannia ware, 16 do fishing tackle, etc, 4 do sulphuric acid, 2 do ex tongues, 30 do cigarettes, 13 do pickles, 9 do vegetables, 2 do oysters, 3 do medicines, 10 do rice, 5 do nuts, 1 do tobacco leaf, 10 do oats, 151 do iron and wood, 4 do cigars, 2 do seeds, 7 do marble, 79 do machinery, etc, 14 do cheese, etc, 86 do nuts, 20 dostrut, etc. Value, specified, \$62,100.

**MARRIED.**  
In this City, Dec. 19th, by Rev. Mr. Browning, C. John Piddell to Miss Susan A. Jones, youngest daughter of Samuel Jones, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick.  
In San Francisco, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. J. A. Bouton, Augustus E. Siffen, Esq., to Miss Annie J. Baillie, daughter of the late Dr. Baillie, of this city.

**Shipping Intelligence.**  
**PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.**  
**ENTERED**  
Dec 19—Star Active, Williams, San Francisco  
Sloop Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo  
**CLEARED**  
Dec 19—Sloop Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo

**Auction Sales To-day.**  
J. A. McCREA.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 o'clock a. m., at Salesroom, Tea, Candles, Salt, Soda, Brooms, Bacon, Tobacco, Sugar; 1 Dray, 1 Dray Harness, &c.  
J. P. DAVIES & CO.....Wharf street.....will sell at 11 o'clock, a. m., on the Premises, Yates street, Lots of Store Fixtures, Counters with Drawers, Gas Fittings; also at 12 o'clock, at Salesroom, Dwelling Houses, Farming Land, Schooner, &c.  
P. M. BACKUS.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 a. m., on the Premises, corner of Fort and Quadra streets, Groceries and Provisions; also Counter, Shelves, Scales, &c.

**Auction Sales.**

**A U C T I O N**  
**THIS DAY**  
Thursday, Dec. 20th,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

**J. A. M'CREA**  
WILL SELL,  
AT SALESROOM  
Wharf Street,  
**GOODS,**  
Ex "Active."

**Tea**  
50 chests U. S. Tea, duty paid

**Candles**  
50 boxes Adamantine Candles, duty paid

**Salt**  
30 gunnies Table Salt, 5 lb bags, duty paid

**Soda**  
15 bbls Washing Soda, duty paid

**Brooms**  
5 doz No. 1 Corn Brooms, duty paid

**Bacon**  
4 cases Cal. Bacon, duty paid

**Tobacco**  
5 boxes Ordinary Tobacco, duty paid or in bond

**Sugar**  
20 bags Peruvian White Sugar

And other Goods, to make room for Christmas Sale, de20

**Auction Sales.**  
J. A. McCrea—Continued.

**A U C T I O N**  
**Holiday Sale!**  
Saturday, Dec. 22d,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

**GOODS ON EXHIBITION ON FRIDAY, the 21st inst.**

**J. A. M'CREA**  
Is instructed by the Importers to sell,  
WITHOUT RESERVE,  
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT  
—OF—  
**FANCY GOODS!**  
SUITABLE FOR  
**PRESENTS!**

**EVER IMPORTED TO THIS COAST,**  
Consisting in part of:

**Heavy Plated Tea Sets, Coffee, Tea, Cream and Sugar**  
**Britannia Metal Tea & Coffee**  
**Rich Cut Glass Decanters, Wines and Tumblers**  
**Vases in all variety, Bohemian, French, Viennese and English**

**PARIAN FIGURES,**  
**EXHIBITION STANDS,**  
**FANCY MANTEL ORNAMENTS,**  
**Perfumery, from the best French Perfumers, put up in Fancy Bottles & Ornamental Boxes, suitable for Gifts**  
**Various kinds of Fancy Stationery**  
**Rich China Ware, Useful and Ornamental**  
**Pewter Beer Mugs**  
**Pocket Cutlery, Scissors, etc.**  
**Hair, Nail, Tooth and other Brushes**  
**Portmonies, Combs, Purses**  
**Playing Cards**  
**Silver Watches, etc.**  
**Pipes of various kinds**  
**Biscuit Vases, Flower Pots and Stands**  
**Cake and Bread Trays**  
**Fine Cambric Hdks, and other Dry Goods for Presents.**

**CALL AND SEE THE GOODS.**  
de19 **TERMS CASH.**

**MONDAY.**  
Monday, Dec. 24th,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

**Sheriff's Sale,**  
JAS. PORTER vs. ISAAC GOHAGEN  
One Dray  
One Dray Harness  
J. A. McCREA, Auctioneer.  
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**RE ESTATE OF HENRY SIMPSON.**  
ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the above estate are requested to send a statement of the same to the undersigned, at the office of Messrs John Wilkie & Co., on or before Wednesday, the 20th inst.

**JAMES BURNS, Assignee.**

**Auction Sales.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO.—Continued.

**J. P. Davies & Co.**  
**A U C T I O N**  
**THURSDAY**  
**THIS DAY,**  
Thursday, Dec. 20th,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,  
ON THE PREMISES, YATES STREET,  
Lately occupied by Mr H. M. Cohen, next to Wells, Fargo & Co.,  
**LOT OF STORE FIXINGS, COUNTERS WITH DRAWERS, GAS FITTINGS.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers.  
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**THURSDAY**  
We are instructed to Sell  
AT SALESROOM,  
Wharf street.  
**THIS DAY,**  
Thursday, Dec. 20th,  
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON  
**Farming Land.**  
Eighty [80] Acres of good Farming Land, about six miles from town, and known on the official map as Section XXIII., in Lake District, with the improvements thereon, which consist of the two roomed Cottage, lined and sealed, Brick Chimneys, large Barn, Stables, Chicken House and Out-houses, fine well of water—a running stream on the dividing line. The property is partly fenced and under cultivation.

**TO CLOSE COPARTNERSHIP AOT.**  
The Schooner-rigged Scow  
**M A T I L D A,**  
Now lying in harbor, in first-rate condition, with sails, boat, anchors, &c. Registered tonnage, 51 tons; carries 75 tons. Was built by Muir & Sons, at Sooke, in 1863.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs DRAKE & JACKSON, Solicitors.  
ALSO  
**Mortgagee's Sale.**  
ALL those certain pieces or parcels of Land, situate in the Town of Victoria, V. I., B. C., and known on the Official Map of the same, as Town Lot No. 977, nine hundred and seventy-seven, on Yates street, near Cook street, having a frontage of sixty [60] feet, by a depth of [120] one hundred and twenty feet, together with the improvements thereon, which consist of four Cottages, having three rooms each; two of said Cottages are lathed and plastered throughout. Also, Two-Stall Stable, Large Barn, Chicken and Out-houses, and a never-failing Well of pure spring water.

The whole will be sold in one lot.  
ACTS OF SALE AT BUYERS' EXPENSE  
J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers.  
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**OLYMPIA OYSTERS**  
IN EVERY STYLE, BY  
**A W W Piper,**  
AND  
**Best Welsh Rarebits**  
ON THE ISLAND.  
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**Auction Sales.**  
J. P. Davies & Co—Continued.

**FRIDAY.**  
**TO-MORROW**  
Friday, Dec. 21st,  
AT SALESROOM  
Wharf Street  
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,  
By Order of the Trade Assignees in the Estate of D. Cerf.

**Clothing,**  
**Dry Goods,**  
**Boots & Shoes**  
1230 yds asst. Prints, Pilot Cloth, Ticking, Sheetting, Canvas, Long Cloth, Crash, Hdks, Gloves, Velvet, Delaines, Mohair, Plaids, Coburgs, Asst. Hosiery, Asst. Hats, Asst. Shelf Goods, Bonnets, Corsets & Ribbons, Buckskin Coats and Pants, Reefing and Pilot Jackets, Tweed, Pilot, Sac and Business Coats, Tweed, Cloth and Mole Pants, Vests, Baltic Flannel, Tweed and Hickory Shirts, Brogaus, Bluchers, Balmorals,  
ALSO  
**TO CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS:**  
Blankets, Plaid Shawls, 5 bales Grey Domestic, Neck Ties and Scarf, Richard's Linen Sheetting, Ladies' Polkas Flannel, Cloth Cloaks, Trimmed Hats, Woollen Cuffs, Children's Gaiters, Boy's Gaiters, Ladies' Woollen Vests, Ladies' Under Clothing,  
&c.....&c.....&c.

**TERMS AT SALE.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers.  
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**SATURDAY**  
**A U C T I O N SALE AT**  
**Davies' Cattle Yard,**  
**FORT STREET,**  
Saturday, Dec. 22nd,  
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,  
We are instructed by the Administrators in the Estate of  
**THE LATE W. B. NAYLOR, ESQ.,**  
TO SELL  
By Public Auction,  
18 Head of First-class Fat Cattle  
1 Bay Horse  
1 Grey Horse and Saddle  
ALSO  
If they arrive in time:  
30 Fat Hogs  
14 Head of Cows  
**TERMS CASH.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers.  
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**COAL!**  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING THIS day entered into the Coal trade, is prepared to supply the above article in any quantity, and solicits a share of public patronage.  
**MICHAEL WALLACE.**  
OFFICE with A. F. Main, Government Street, opposite J. H. Turner & Co.  
DEPOT—Dickson, Campbell & Co's Wharf, Store street. de6 1m

**Auction Sales.**  
J. P. DAVIES & CO—Continued.

**MONDAY**  
Monday, Dec. 24th,  
**Holiday Sale.**  
WE WILL SELL  
AT SALESROOM,  
Wharf street,  
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.  
A fine line of  
**Fancy Goods,**  
**Pianos,**  
**Clocks,**  
**Watches,**  
**Jewelry,**  
**Glassware,**  
**Plateware,**  
**Furs,**  
**Cutlery,**  
&c.....&c.....&c.

Parties intending to send Goods for this Sale must send them on or before THURSDAY, 20th Dec., 1866. de17

Goods on View at 12 o'clock on Saturday.  
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**J. P. DAVIES & CO.,**  
Auctioneers.

**THURSDAY,**  
Valuable  
**Real Estate**  
—AT—  
**YALE, BRITISH COL'A**  
**Brick Buildings,**  
**Dwelling Houses**  
We are instructed to Sell by  
**Public Auction,**  
AT SALESROOM,  
Wharf Street, Victoria  
Thursday, Jan. 8, 1867  
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.  
The above Valuable Property is occupied by Messrs Oppenheimer & Co.  
Full Particulars in future Advertisement.  
For further information, apply to Messrs DRAKE & JACKSON, Solicitors.  
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**J. P. DAVIES & CO.,**  
Auctioneers.

**To Printers and Others.**  
FOR SALE,  
THE PLANT OF THE  
**EVENING TELEGRAPH**  
NEWSPAPER.  
For Particulars apply to J. G. NORRIS, Government street, Victoria. A portion of the Purchase Money may remain on security.

**Auction Sales**  
**A U C T I O N**  
**P. M. BACKUS**  
Has received instructions from Mr WILLIAMS,  
TO SELL  
AT SALESROOM,  
ON THE PREMISES,  
Corner of Fort and Quadra streets,  
**THIS DAY,**  
Thursday, Dec. 20th,  
All his Stock in Trade  
Consisting of:  
**Groceries**  
AND  
**Provisions.**  
ALSO  
Counter, Shelves, Scales, &c., &c.  
**TERMS CASH.** de19  
**FRIDAY**  
**Annual Trade Sale**  
BY  
**A U C T I O N**  
OF  
**Choice Liquors**  
IN BULK AND CASE,  
**P. M. BACKUS**  
Has been instructed by  
**Messrs SPROAT & CO.**  
To sell  
AT THEIR WAREHOUSE,  
STORE STREET,  
**TO-MORROW**  
Friday, Dec. 21, 1866,  
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,  
A Choice Assortment of  
**Wines & Liquors,**  
Consisting of  
**Brandies:**  
Hennessy  
Martell  
Jules Robin  
And other Brands.  
In Cases and Bulk.  
**Old Tom:**  
Swaine, Boord & Co., case and bulk  
Green case Gin  
Scotch Whisky, in bulk and case  
Irish do do do

**Auction Sales.**  
P. M. BACKUS—Continued.

**Rum:**  
Jamaica and Demerara, in puncheons and hogsheads

**Wines:**  
Champagne, in pints and quarts  
Port Wine, in bulk and case  
Very superior  
Sherry, in bulk and case  
Claret of all grades, in cases

**Ale:**  
In bulk, Bass' and Alsop  
Bottled, Alsop's, Bass', Younger's and Hibbert's, in pints and quarts

**Porter:**  
Byass', Guinness's,  
Friend's, Barclay & Perkins, pints and quarts

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
\$250—Cash  
\$250 to 500—30 days  
500 „ 1000—60 „  
Over \$1000—90 „  
Approved endorsed paper.

Catalogues can be had at the Auctioneer's, and at the Store of Messrs Sproat & Co., on the morning of Sale.

P. S.—These Liquors have mostly been on hand for a long time, and have been carefully selected for this market, and are equal, if not superior, to any in the market. de15

**FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**  
**PEOPLE WANT**  
**CANDIES & CAKES!**  
**A. W. PIPER,**  
Wholesale and Retail Confectioner,  
**GOVERNMENT STREET,**  
Begg to announce that he has made great preparations to supply the wants of those who should favor him with their patronage.  
All Candies sold in his establishment are **HOMEMANUFACTURED**, and have the advantage of being **FRESH AND WHOLESALE.**  
A great variety of Toys, Crystallized Candies, &c., &c., for Ornamenting CHRISTMAS TREES, on hand.  
Cakes Iced and Ornamented for Families, and a large assortment will be ready for the Holidays. de7

**HOLIDAY PRESENTS**  
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE APPROACHING  
**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**  
**T. N. Hibben & Co.**  
have supplied themselves with appropriate Presents for the occasion:  
Elegant Editions of favorite authors.  
Choice Selections from the best Poets, handsomely bound and illustrated.  
Illustrated Family Bibles.  
Fine Church Service and Prayer Books.  
A great variety of Juvenile and Toy Books.  
Handsome Photographic Albums.  
Handsome Portable Writing Desks.  
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.  
Ladies' Work Boxes.  
Ivory, Pearl and Shell Card Cases.  
And other useful and attractive Goods.  
**T. N. HIBBEN & CO.,**  
de11 1m Government street.

**New Year's Eve—1866-67.**  
**BALL**  
OF THE  
**Union Hook & Ladder**  
COMPANY NO. 1.  
ON  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE,**  
AT THE  
**Volunteer Drill Hall,**  
**CORNER FORT & LANGLEY STS.,**  
(Which has been enlarged for the occasion.)  
**An Excellent Quadrille Band**  
will be in attendance, under the leadership of Messrs PALMER and SANDHIE.  
**THE SUPPER**  
will be supplied from the ST. GEORGE HOTEL.  
TICKETS (a limited number of which have been issued) including Supper, \$3; to be obtained of members of the Company, or at Hibben & Co's.  
**FLOOR MANAGERS:**  
J. GLASHBY, E. DUNNINGTON, C. SOLOMONSON.  
**RECEPTION COMMITTEE:**  
THOS. DOUGALL, A. F. HICKES, C. A. BAYLEY  
de11 1m



